

PATENT3A  
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Applicant: Vincent Derycke et al.

Title: MONOATOMIC AND MONOCRYSTALLINE LAYER  
OF LARGE SIZE, IN DIAMOND TYPE  
CARBON, AND METHOD FOR THE  
MANUFACTURE OF THIS LAYER

Docket No.: 33585

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, it is requested that the following amendments be made.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4 - 9 and 11 as follows:

1 1. (Amended) Monoatomic and monocrystalline layer  
2 of diamond type carbon, this layer being characterized  
3 in that it is formed on the surface of a monocrystalline  
4 substrate of SiC and extends closely over the totality of  
5 this substrate.

1 2. (Amended) Monoatomic and monocrystalline layer  
2 according to claim 1, the SiC monocrystalline substrate  
3 being a thin layer of monocrystalline SiC in cubic phase  
4  $\beta$ -SiC formed on a platelet of Si, the monoatomic and